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MYCOBACTERIA AND THEIR USE AS DIAGNOSTICS, VACCINES AND
TARGETS FOR CHEMOTHERAPY

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January 13, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm the acceptance of the formal drawings filed March 22, 2004, or otherwise provide a specific objection or rejection of the same. The Office Action of January 10, 2005, is incomplete in this respect.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the applicants claim for domestic priority as the Office Action of January 10, 2005 does not include the same.

The Examiner is requested to confirm receipt of a certified copy of the priority document filed in the parent application as the Office Action of January 10, 2005 does not indicate the same.

The Examiner is also requested to return initialed copies of the PTO-1449 Forms filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on March 22, 2004, to the undersigned. Copies of the same were not received with the Office Action dated January 10, 2005.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of January 10, 2005, however, as the above indicated and requested items have not been acknowledged by the Patent Office to date, the applicants believe it timely to make such a request at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

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